

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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First Named Inventor	: Anthony Costa	Examiner	: Eric E. Silverman
Customer No.	: 22469	Docket No.	: 0299568-0417
Title:	: TOPICAL GEL MATRIX		

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time for one month is filed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$60 fee, and any additional fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3405.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 7.

Forty-one pages of referenced publications are attached.

Please amend the above-identified application without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter as follows: